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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF ARMY MAP TRAINING FOR CY 75 BY PORTUGUESE
ARMY

SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE ARMY CANCELS MAP TRAINING FOR CY 75.
ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS PORTUGAL CANNOT SPARE OFFICERS AT
THIS CRITICAL TIME AND, IN ADDITION, ARMY STUDYING ITS FUTURE
AND THUS IS WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO SEND OFFICERS NOW.
EMBASSY CONCERNED THAT CANCELLATION MAY BE NEGATIVE SIGNAL TO
U.S.--ALTHOUGH ARMY CHIEF'S REASONS ARE PLAUSIBLE AND HIGH
OFFICE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STATES THAT CANCELLATION
IS NOT ANTI-AMERICAN. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCT 30 NEW ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL
CARLOS FABIAO, CONFIRMED TO MAAG CHIEF THAT INFORMATION
PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED INFORMALLY TO MAAG THAT PORTUGUESE ARMY
(PA) WISHED TO CANCEL CY 75 MAP TRAINING PROGRAM WAS CORRECT.
PA FOLLOWED UP WITH WRITTEN NOTIFICATION, RECEIVED BY MAAG
ON NOV 5.

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2. CANCELLED MAP TRAINING WAS RELATIVELY MODEST PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HAVE COST U.S. ABOUT \$40,000 AND INVOLVED 10 OFFICERS IN COURSES RANGING FROM 12 TO 40 WEEKS, 5 OFFICERS IN 3-WEEK TOUR IN U.S., AND 20 OFFICERS FOR 3 WEEKS OBSERVER TRAINING IN GERMANY AT US UNIT MANEUVERS.

3. FABIAO GAVE FOLLOWING REASONS FOR CANCELLATION:

A) PA ENGAGED IN CREATING NEW COUNTRY, THESE OFFICERS NEEDED IN PORTUGAL AT THIS TIME, AND PA WANTED SEND ONLY BEST OFFICERS TO U.S.

B) PA ARMY STAFF ENGAGED IN STUDIES TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE ARMY NEEDED IN FUTURE; THESE STUDIES NOT YET COMPLETED, AND IT THEREFORE IMPRACTICAL SEND OFFICERS TO SCHOOL IN SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE NEEDED.

4. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PA MAY CHANGE MIND, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EVIDENT DISMAY CONVEYED BY MAAG AND EMBASSY AT THIS DECISION. DCM QUERIED FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR-GENERAL CRUZ. CRUZ SAID HE UNAWARE OF CANCELLATION. BOTH NAVY AND AIR FORCE ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH THEIR REGULAR TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH NO INDICATION THAT CANCELLATION IN OFFING.

5. IN ADDITION TO OUR CONCERN THAT WE LOSE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE OFFICERS IN A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS PLAYING A KEY POLITICAL ROLE, AND WILL VERY LIKELY CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WE WONDER IF WE ARE GETTING SOME SORT OF SIGNAL FROM PA. ALTHOUGH RELATIONS WITH PA HAVE TENDED TO COOL OFF OVER YEARS BECAUSE OF CONTINUING IRRITANT PROVIDED BY ARMS EMBARGO, MAAG THOUGHT IT HAD NOTICED A WARMING UP RECENTLY.

6. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT MEANING OF THIS DECISION IS IN TERMS OF US-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FABIAO'S REASONS FOR THE CANCELLATION ARE COMPLETELY ACCURATE. CERTAINLY, GIVEN THE ROLE OF THE ARMY IN PORTUGAL TODAY, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO KEEP BEST MEN IN COUNTRY. IT IS TRUE THAT THE PORTUGUESE HAVE TENDED IN PAST TO SEND FIRST-RATE OFFICERS TO MAP TRAINING PROGRAMS. FURTHERMORE, FABIAO TOLD MAAG CHIEF THAT HE WANTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH U.S. AND NATO AND THAT EARLY REINSTITUTION

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OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD BE CONSIDERED. CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD HAS TOLD DAO THAT CANCELLATION DOES NOT HAVE AN ANTI-AMERICAN ASPECT.

7. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY WISHES ALERT DEPARTMENT TO THIS DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT AS WE SEEK DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON MOTIVES.

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